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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER'S STATE VISIT POSTPONED

BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS STATE VISIT TO THE US BE POSTPONED, BECAUSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF HEIGHTENED POLITICAL TENSIONS AND UNREST FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTEMPLATED ECONOMIC MEASURES BY THE GOB. BANZER WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN AT THE HELM IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES MIGHT HAVE TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC DISORDER. (CONFIDENTIAL) LA PAZ 6010, 10/2 (EXDIS).

2. ICELAND WON'T BREAK RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN NOW

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ICELAND'S PRIME MINISTER OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ICELAND WILL NOT BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND THAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER HEATH IN LONDON ON OCTOBER 15 FOR TALKS ON THE FISHERIES DISPUTE. EMBASSY REYKJAVIK REPORTS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WITH HEATH WOULD PRESUMABLY BE TO DRAFT A STAND-STILL TRUCE

DURING THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT.
(CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 1164 AND REUTER 147-149, 10/2.

3. US OBJECTIVES FOR VAN ELSLANDE VISIT TO WASHINGTON

EMBASSY BRUSSELS BELIEVES THE WASHINGTON VISIT OF
BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AFFORDS THE US
THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCORD HIM THE ATTENTION AND THUS THE
PRESTIGE HE NEEDS TO FOLLOW SPAAK AND HARMEL IN KEEPING
BELGIUM'S COURSE COMPATIBLE WITH US INTERESTS. ACCORD-
ING TO THE EMBASSY, OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES ARE FOR VAN
ELSLANDE TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE
SECRETARY AND OTHER TOP US OFFICIALS AND TO LEARN US
VIEWS ON MAJOR MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BRUSSELS 5648, 10/2. KISSINGER

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